automobiles to ensure consumer protection, road safety and adherence to specified emission norms. The firm is being informed accordingly.

Classification of China, Vietnam, Mangolia and Russia as 'Non-Market' Economies

3083. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has classified China, Vietnam, Mangolia and Russia as 'non-merket' economies;

(b) if so, whether this step is aimed at clamping down on imports from these countries to protect the domestic industry; and

(c) if so, whether Government would strive to make our industry globally competitive to enter the vast World markets instead of taking this myopic view thereby giving advantage to domestic industry only to the extent to domestic markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Notification No. 28/2001-NT- Customs dated 31.05.2001 has been issued by the Department of Revenue to amend the Customs Tarrif (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, so as to introduce a criteria for determining "non-market economy" countries for the purposes of anti-dumping investigations. The "non-market economy" countries notified include China, Vietnam, Mongolia and Russia. Any country among them seeking to establish that it is a market economy country as per criteria enunciated in the Notification No. 28/2001-NT-Customs dated 31.05.2001, may provide all necessary information which shall be taken due account by the designated authority. This step of the Government is aimed at clarifying the position in relation to anti-dumping investigations in respect of imports from such countries wherein the sales may not reflect the fair value of the merchandise.

Similar provisions exist in the anti-dumping legislations of some of the other countries also.

Trade Exposition Centres on the Lines of ITPO

3084. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Trade Promotion Organisation is planning to set up Pragati Maidan type trade exposition centres in various parts of the country in collaboration with the State Governments;

(b) if so, whether any concrete steps in this regard have been worked out;

(c) by what time these centres are likely to be set up; and

(d) whether this will give a boost to our industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) In order to strength the export promotion infrastructure in selected regional centres of the country, India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) is setting up Regional Trade Promotion Centres (RTPCs) in some States with the approval and funding support from the Government. Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) have been signed between ITPO and the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and West Bengal for setting up of RTPCs at Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkata respectively. As per the MOUs, joint venture companies with equity countributions from the nominated agency of the respective State Governments and ITPO will be set up and registered under Section 25 of Companies Act to look after the affairs of RTPCs. The Chennai Trade Centre has already been commissioned on 31st January, 2001 and the works relating to RTPC, Bangalore are in progress. The work at the RTPC Kolkata has not commenced as yet.